

DeSoto News Flash

For the Week of March 11,
through March 18, 2016



DeSoto Parks & Recreation
Discover, Experience, Play!

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ANNUAL CITY OF DESOTO PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT EASTER EGG-STRAVAGANZA

March 19, 2016
The Egg Hunt will begin at 11 a.m.
Zeiger Park
400 Eagle Drive



For more information please call
972.230.9651

Partners: Hampton Road Baptist
Church and DeSoto Youth Advisory
Council

Age Group Egg Hunts

3 and Under

4-6

7-9

Don't forget to bring
your Easter basket!



HAMPTON ROAD
BAPTIST CHURCH



2016

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Programs

March 14 - The Critterman's Squirm
Factor Show. At 2:00p.m. for ALL ages.

March 15 - Toothbrush Robots. At
2:00p.m. for ages 7 - 12. (reservations required)

March 16 - The Science Experience for
Toddlers and Pre-Schoolers. At 11:00a.m.
for ages 2 - 6.

March 17 - Paper Roller Coasters. At
2:00p.m. for ages 8 - 13. (reservations required)

About Our Programs

- All programs are free and open to the public.
- Reservations are required for our Toothbrush Robots and Paper Roller Coaster programs.
- To make reservations call 972-230-9666 or visit the Children's Desk in the library.



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Public Library
Friendly Service. Empowered Futures.

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The DeSoto Public
Library will be
closed for Good
Friday, March 25,
and Easter Sunday, March 27.



The Computer
Lab will be closed
for Good Friday,
March 25, and
Easter Sunday,
March 27.

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City of DeSoto offices will be
closed on Friday, March 25, 2016
in observance of the
Good Friday Holiday.

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"Connecting Neighbors!"

Do you feel connected to the DeSoto Community?

If you'd like to participate in an important community conversation, please take this as a personal invitation to attend our next free DeSoto Dining and Dialogue dinner event on April 2, 2016. Adults who live or work in DeSoto and care about our community are encouraged to attend. Resident high school students and their parents are also welcome to attend and will receive five hours of Community Service Credit. As a guest, all you have to do is attend and join in on the discussion. Repeat guests are also welcome. Please register your attendance at www.desotodd.org before March 21st.

These free dinner events will take place homes all over DeSoto. When you register to attend, you will receive a confirmation in the mail with the location and host of your dinner.

Dinner Discussion Topic:

DeSoto, an All-America City – Ten Years Later

The next DeSoto Dining and Dialogue Dinner event will take place on Saturday, April 2, 2016 at 6:30 pm. The discussion topic will be "DeSoto, an All-America City - Ten Years Later." We will look back at what it took for the city to win the coveted award, discuss what has changed in the last ten years, and consider what is ahead for the future.

Attending a DeSoto Dining and Dialogue Dinner event is a great way to get to know your neighbors. Please consider giving back to your community by hosting a dinner table in your home or participating in the free dinner event as a guest.

This event will be:

***Saturday, April 2, 2016
6:30 pm – 9:30 pm***

For more information and to register go to: www.desotodd.org

**or call Kathy Jones at
972-230-9648**

The deadline to register to attend the free dinner event is March 21st!

DeSoto Dining and Dialogue is a volunteer-run organization that provides individuals of all ages, who live or work in DeSoto, the opportunity to get to know one another at private dinner events. These dinners are held twice a year in private homes or public facilities around DeSoto. The discussion is led by a trained facilitator who guides participants through questions designed to elicit thoughts and opinions on issues facing our community. DeSoto Dining and Dialogue is primarily successful because families are willing to host a dinner for a diverse group of citizens in their homes at their own expense. Facilitators and other volunteers willingly give of their time and expertise because they believe in the program. However, we need continuing community participation to keep the program strong. Join us in building a strong community. Please feel free to forward this invitation to anyone who lives and/or works in DeSoto!

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DeSoto
Public Library

announces the new

DeSoto Public Library Book Club

Meeting the 3rd Monday each month
at 7:00 PM in the Library

Please join us for our
1st meeting

March 21, 2016
In the Library at 7:00 PM



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through February 19, 2016

BEST SOUTHWEST EVERYTHING TEEN EXPO 2016

Numerous Resources....One Location!

FREE ADMISSION



Connecting teens to community, resources, services, and support.

A MEGA EVENT FOR TEENS & TWEENS!

DeSoto Civic Center • 211 E. Pleasant Run Rd.

APRIL 02, 2016 • 11 AM - 3 PM

Hosted by
Lady Jade
K104
FM 100.3 & 94.8

Teens can earn community service hours and enter a drawing for a chance to win a **\$100 Gift Card** for participating!

"Teen Lives Matter"
A Special Candid Conversation with the DeSoto Police Department

WORKSHOP PRESENTERS

Tina Banks
Fitness & Motivation
K9SR 1040



Paul Ritter
Heart, Mind & Body Health & Wellness



Kimesha Webb
Transformation Coach
Teen Dating Violence



Charlette Martin
"The Challenger"
Goal Setting & Decision Making



Christi Bell
Christi Bell Enterprises
Financial Literacy



Darrin Robinson
V.O.I.D. Ministry
Overcoming Obstacles



Larry Kemp
Entrepreneur & Mentor
The Road To Success



Professor Walter Price
"The Encourager"
Get Ready for College



SPECIAL GUESTS

Majesty Dennis
Mime Expert & Extraordinaire
Majesty Mime Academy



Rachel McBay
Motivational Speaker
Alumni of DeSoto High School



SPECIAL PERFORMANCES BY:

Dallas Black Dance Theater
Dallas Academy Of Music • Something About Chinamen
Toz Dauway • Lancaster Tigerettes • Nia Kids • Rapper
Majesty Dennis • Cedar Hill Collegiate High School

For More Information Call Marq Runnels At
972.230.9663

Register At www.desototexas.gov/everythingteenexpo

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DeSoto's Public Utilities Division Offers Free Water Conservation Classes

The DeSoto Public Utilities Department has partnered with Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center to offer a series of water efficiency and landscape maintenance classes focused on techniques to conserve water and reduce monthly water bills. These classes are free of charge to DeSoto residents, but will require registration. Classes are limited to 75 attendees. You will want to sign up early to guarantee your seat.



irrigation systems. The "budget savvy" will learn how to optimize water usage by programming and reprogramming your sprinkler controller. The "mechanically-minded" will learn how your sprinkler system operates and its components. The "fixers" will learn how to identify leaks or broken sprinkler heads, and make very basic hands-on repairs to your sprinkler system. Everyone who attends will learn how to save time, money, and water.

Online registration is now open!

The first class, **Lawn Care Maintenance**, is scheduled for April 14, 2016 from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm in Bluebonnet Room II located in the Civic Center at 211 E. Pleasant Run Road, DeSoto, TX 75115. The speaker will discuss proper lawn care maintenance needed to establish and maintain a healthy lawn. Other topics will include basic lawn maintenance practices, turf grass selection, and recommendations to reduce water, fertilizer, and pesticide use.

Thursday, April 14, 2016, 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm: Lawn Care Maintenance: <https://dallas.tamu.edu/courses/2016/april-14-2016-lawncare-desoto/>

Saturday, June 11, 2016, 9 am - 10:30 am: Water Efficient Landscape : <https://dallas.tamu.edu/courses/2016/june-11-2016-water-efficient-landscape-part-1-desoto/>

Saturday, June 11, 2016, 10:45 am - 12:15pm: Sprinkler System Quick Fixes – Hands On: <https://dallas.tamu.edu/courses/2016/june-11-2016-sprinkler-system-quick-fixes-hands-on-desoto/> (This class is limited to 30 participants.)

The second and third classes in the series will be offered on Saturday, June 11, 2016 from 9 am to 12:15 pm at the same location (Bluebonnet Room II). The **Water Efficient Landscape** class, slated for 9 am to 10:30am, will identify methods to give your landscape a facelift on a budget. You will be provided instructions on basic landscape design principles, plant placement, and hardscape. The classes are designed to provide a level of instruction that helps you with "DIY" (Do It Yourself) landscape projects around your home just in time for summer. The **Sprinkler System Quick Fixes and System Operation** class which will take place from 10:45am to 12:15pm, is an excellent introduction for new home owners and all users of automated residential sprinkler/

If you are unable to register online, please contact the Utility Billing Office at 972.230.9627 for assistance.



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DeSoto Arts Commission presents.....

Free 4th Friday Concert Series



DESOTO
ARTS
COMMISSION
PRESENTS

ROGER Boykin

APRIL 22 | 8PM GROUP

A FREE CONCERT
AT THE
DESOTO CORNER THEATER
211 E. PLEASANT RUN ROAD
IN THE DESOTO TOWN CENTER

PRESENTED BY:



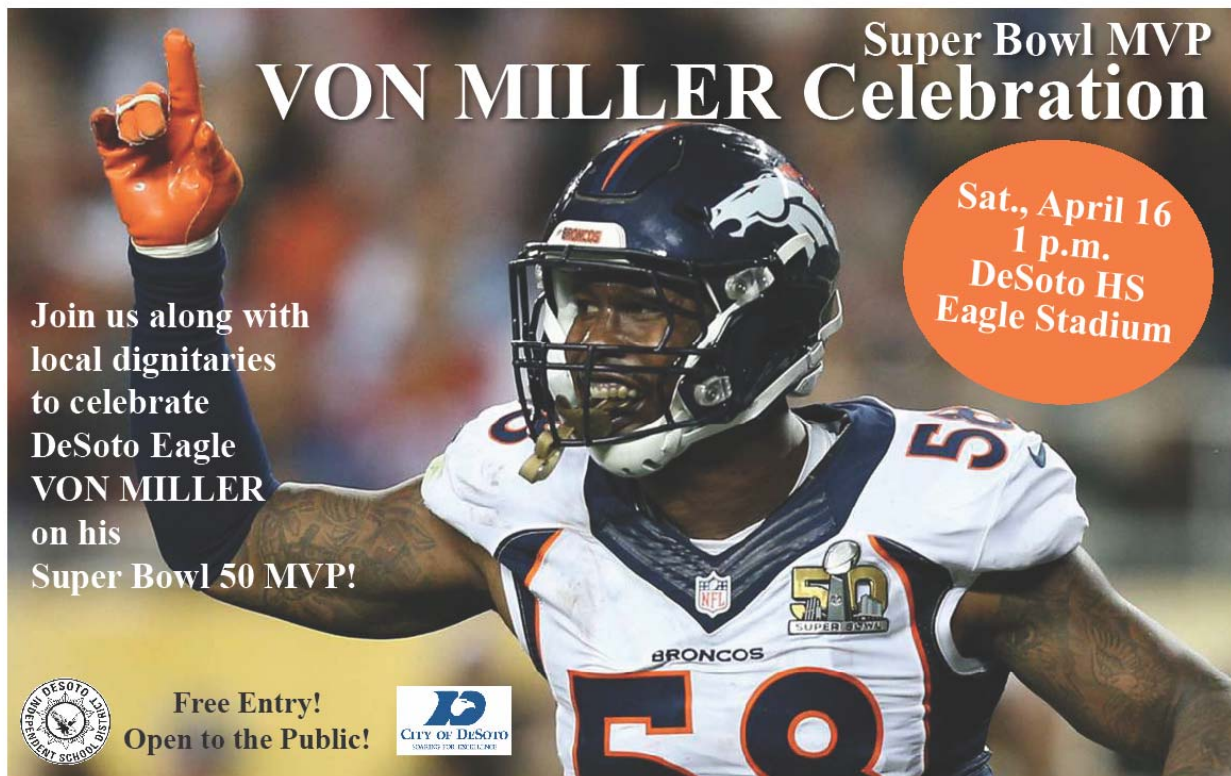
DESOTO
Arts
LIVE!!!

THE ROGER BOYKIN GROUP is a traditional jazz group consisting of piano, bass, drums, saxophone and vocalist. Though they are a jazz group, they are strongly influenced by the blues. Their program will feature music made famous by artists such as Duke Ellington, Miles Davis, Billie Holiday and others of that genre.

Details at ArtsDeSoto.com

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VON MILLER Super Bowl MVP Celebration

Join us along with local dignitaries to celebrate DeSoto Eagle VON MILLER on his Super Bowl 50 MVP!

Sat., April 16
1 p.m.
DeSoto HS
Eagle Stadium

Free Entry!
Open to the Public!

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APRIL RECYCLING EVENT

April 16th 9 am – 12 pm

DeSoto Service Center, 809 W. Spinner Rd.
Event ends at noon or when trucks are full

Document Shredding - bring up to 10 boxes of personal documents for shredding. Documents must be in a box or plastic bag for disposal. No trash allowed. Proof of DeSoto residency required.

E-Recycling - bring any unwanted electronic items including personal computers, phones, chargers, printers and other small electronics for free recycling with proof of DeSoto residency. For more information please call 972.230.9643.

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April 23, 2016 9 am to noon
Westmoreland Pump Station
620 N. Westmoreland

This Annual Household Hazardous Event is for DeSoto residents only, proof of residency is required. Only residential household hazardous waste will be accepted, commercial waste or electronics are not allowed. Due to limited space, those who would like to participate must register prior to the event. Residents may sign up beginning March 23rd by calling the Action Center at 972.230.9600.

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ANNUAL CITY OF DESOTO PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT KIDS' FISHING DAY AT BRIARWOOD PARK

April 23, 2016

Saturday 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

All children 16 years and under are
eligible

Registration fee is



Briarwood Park
1625 W. Beltline Road

For more information please call
972.230.9651



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DeSoto Public Library Anime Club

Meeting Dates:

February 24 March 9 March 23

April 6 April 20 May 4

For

Ages

8 - 14

May 18

At

4:30p.m.

DO YOU...?

LOVE ANIME

ENJOY MANGA

Want To Have Fun

Then we want you to be a part of our Anime Club!



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Tech Titans

@ Desoto Public Library



For ages 7 - 12

February 17 & April 27 ✦ At 4:30p.m.

Learn about new technology and build custom creations.



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AARP Tax-Aide at the DeSoto Public Library

**When: Wednesday, February 3rd – Wednesday, April 13th
11 am – 3 pm**

Where: DeSoto Public Library

What: Tax help for seniors

Beginning Wednesday, February 3rd and ending Wednesday, April 13th, from 11 am – 3 pm, volunteers from the AARP Tax-Aide service will be in the library assisting seniors with their tax returns. The library is pleased to offer space for this important service, which is provided and administered by AARP.

AARP does not take appointments. Tax help is a first come, first served service. Please bring last year's tax return, your Social Security card, and any records needed for filing your 2015 tax return. AARP will not prepare complicated returns and requests that those who have complicated returns see a professional preparer for assistance.

The library is located at 211 E. Pleasant Run Road, in the DeSoto Town Center Complex. Free parking is available in the nearby parking garage and in the small lot on the Northside (Creekside) of the library. For more information, please call the library at 972.230.9661 or visit the library's webpage at www.desototexas.gov/library.

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